

REGULAR SESSION RUSH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FEBRUARY 23, 2015

The Rush County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Monday, February 23, 2015 with Commissioners Bruce Levi, Mark Bacon, Paul Wilkinson, Mary Ann Beard Auditor and Attorney Leigh Morning in attendance.

Commissioner Bruce Levi called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of the February 9th meeting were approved on a motion by Paul Wilkinson and seconded by Mark Bacon.

TREASURER

Cindy Humphrey Treasurer presented a work order for tax bill printing by Masters Touch. Mark Bacon moved to approve the work order. Paul Wilkinson seconded the motion. Motion carried. The request to change credit card companies was withdrawn due to a 60 day notification for cancellation.

CLERK

Debbie Richardson, Clerk of the Courts Stated that she appreciated the new Courthouse Security Guards. Richardson reported when the city election districts were combined in 2013 that two council districts were split between precincts. To alleviate this problem and to balance the number of voters in each district, the Rush County Election Board has proposed the following County Council districts:

- District 1 will now include Ripley 9, Ripley 10, Center, Washington and Union composed of 2,912 voters.
- District 2 will now include Posey, Walker, Orange, Anderson and Richland composed of 2,846 voters.
- District 3 will now include Jackson, Rushville 2, Rushville 7, Rushville 8 and Noble composed of 3,107 voters.
- District 4 will now include Rushville 1 and Rushville 3 composed of 2,764 voters.

Mark Bacon moved to approve the re-districting with Paul Wilkinson seconding the motion. Motion carried.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Terri Nigh informed the board the Health Department is applying for federal accreditation status. Each member of the board was presented a copy of the Rush County Community Assessment. Mark Bacon moved to sign the register of receipt. Paul Wilkinson seconded the motion.

EMA

Chuck Kemker, director stated that the “code yellow” weather advisory that was initiated over the weekend was lifted at 9:00 a.m. this morning.

SHERIFF

Sheriff Jim Cowan reported the inmate count at 29. Dispatch answered 418 calls this past week and law enforcement responded to 86 road calls. Cowan is attempting to trim transportation of inmates by coordinating with other counties. The Sheriff reported that his department was involved in a multi-county chase that ended on US 52 west of Rushville.

HIGHWAY

Superintendent Jerry Sitton presented the 2014 annual report for the Highway Department. Mark Bacon moved to sign the document and Paul Wilkinson seconded the motion. Motion carried. Sitton reported that 2 trucks went off the road during the weekend snowstorm but no damage was sustained. It was reported that each driver covers between 67-82 miles. Sitton was commended for the work that was done to keep our roads safe.

ATTORNEY

The fencing dispute by property owners Elsa M. Duty and Deborah Husrt-Manlief in Anderson Township has been placed in the hands of the township trustee, Karen Jenkins.

RUSH/SHELBY BUILDING PURCHASE

Attorney Leigh Morning presented two options for the purchase of the Rush/Shelby building on Main Street. The first proposal is to purchase the building, fiber hut, and generator and lease the fiber hut to Rush/Shelby Energy. The second option is the split the parcel of property with the County having deed to the building and RSE would continue to own the fiber hut and the generator. Mark Bacon moved that the county purchase the building, fiber hut and generator with a lease agreement with Rush/Shelby Energy for the fiber hut and to allow Commissioner Paul Wilkinson to negotiate the details of the generator with RSE President Terry Jobe. Paul Wilkinson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENT

The Commissioners receive one application for the Public Defender Board. Mark Bacon moved to appoint Jason Clemmons and Paul Wilkinson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

AUDITOR

- The Auditor's Office has received three proposals from QPH for the leak in the circulation pump, repair of the sump pumps, and air intake in the assembly room. Mark Bacon moved to allow Commissioner Bruce Levi to contact QPH on the estimates presented. Paul Wilkinson seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- IT director Randy Herbert described the need for a new audio equipment system for the courts. Paul Wilkinson moved that a new word system be purchased from Cum Cap Funds in the amount not to exceed \$4,862 for Circuit Court and \$3,200 for Superior Court. Mark Bacon moved to second the motion. Motion carried.

Mark Bacon moved to approve claims as presented. Paul Wilkinson seconded the motion.
Motion carried.

Commissioner Wilkinson moved to pay the payroll claims of February 2nd with Commissioner Bacon offering a second to the motion. All approved.

Mark Bacon moved to adjourn. Paul Wilkinson seconded the motion.

/s/ Bruce Levi
Bruce Levi, Chairman

/s/ Mark Bacon
Mark Bacon

/s/ Paul Wilkinson
Paul Wilkinson

ATTEST:

/s/ Mary Ann Beard
Mary Ann Beard, Auditor